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these posts with the necessary qualifications and whether among those applicants candidates from the depressed classes also applied?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not aware of that."

Appointment of Honorary Physicians in the General Hospital, Madras.

*272 Q.—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether any vacancies in the post of Honorary Physicians in the General Hospital were recently filled up, and if so, how many;

(b) the names of the applicants and their qualifications; and

(c) the names of persons who were appointed and their qualifications?

A.—(a) Yes; one.

(b) (1) Mr. A. Srinivasan, L.M.P. (Mad.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.).
(2) ,, P. S. Varadarajan, M.B. (Mad.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.). (First in Honours Biology).
(3) Dr. K. C. Paul, M.D. (Mad.).
(4) Mr. T. K. Sundaram, M.B.B.S., obtained a University Diploma at Vienna.
(5) ,, H. Chatterjee, L.M.S.

(c) Mr. P. S. Varadarajan (No. 2 above) was appointed.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know why the Government have selected a non-British subject, when there is already a qualified man who has also got experience as Honorary Physician in the Rayapuram Hospital?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The gentleman chosen is not at present residing in any Indian State. Besides the Government were advised that he was the most suitable candidate among the applicants."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Sir, he is a native of Mysore, resident of Mysore and everything of Mysore. Mysore has issued a prohibitory order against British Indians taking up appointments in their territory. May I ask whether the Government are aware of that?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not aware of what is taking place in Mysore. There is no prohibition in our rules from appointing people from Indian States as Honorary Physicians."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I ask the Hon. Minister whether that gentleman has ever served in the Madras General Hospital as Honorary Assistant Surgeon or Honorary Physician?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" He was an I.M.S. Officer for several years."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know why the Government have overlooked the claims of one of the applicants who is an honorary physician and who has served in the Royapuram Hospital? What are the reasons for Government overlooking his claims and appointing a non-British subject? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I do not think my hon. Friend expects me to give a comparative statement of the qualifications of the candidates who applied for this post."

Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro:—" Does the Hon. Minister mean that the Government did not compare the merits and qualifications of the respective candidates? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I did not mean to say that the Government did not compare the qualifications of the various candidates. What I meant was that it would not be in the interests of the candidates themselves to disclose all matters that were taken into consideration in making the selection."

Proposals, if any, for taking over local fund hospitals under Government management as a measure of financial relief to local bodies.

* 273 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals now before the Government for giving more relief to the local bodies by taking over some of their hospitals under the control of the Government; and

(*b*) if not, what are the reasons for not doing so?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A proposal for the provincialization of the local fund and municipal medical institutions at taluk headquarters which have not yet been taken over by the Government, is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know how long it will take for the Government to provincialize the taluk headquarter hospitals in the Presidency? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I cannot say, Sir."

S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the proposal under consideration of the Government is with reference to taluk headquarter hospitals or any other hospitals? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The proposal now under consideration is with reference to taluk headquarter hospitals only."